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## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

> Please replace the paragraph at lines 22-28 on page 25 with the following text:

Morphogens have been shown to enhance survival of neurons and maintain neural pathways at risk of injury, or following damage to nerve tissue. See International application publication WO 94/03200. Morphogens have also been shown to induce dendritic growth in sympathetic neurons. United States Patent Applications U.S.S.N. 08/292,782, filed August 18, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 6,949,505; and U.S.S.N. 08/926,154, now abandoned, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference. Since sympathetic neurons are responsive to both morphogens and cytokines, the possibility was considered that cytokines might interact with morphogens in these cells. The neurite outgrowth model was used to assess this possibility.

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